

FEDERAL WAY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 210
King County, Washington
September 1, 1991 Through August 31, 1992

Schedule Of Findings

1. District Officials Should Comply With Handicapped Program Requirements

Our review of the Handicapped Grant Program disclosed that several student participants had not been reviewed for reassessment by multidisciplinary teams (MDT) within the required three-year period. The reassessment process determines whether or not the student has continued eligibility in the program.

Title 34 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR), Part 300.534(b), states in part:

... an evaluation of a child ... is conducted every three years or more frequently if conditions warrant or if the child's parent or teacher requests an evaluation.

WAC 392-171-512 states in part:

Each identified student having a handicapping condition shall be reassessed ... by the multidisciplinary team ... at a minimum, once every three years or more frequently if required by this chapter.

A shortage of available qualified personnel interfered with the district's ability to conduct reassessment reviews in accordance with federal and state time requirements.

When district officials fail to conduct reassessments within the required time frame, they jeopardize the student's program eligibility. In addition, this circumstance could result in loss of grant funding.

We recommend that district officials reassess Handicapped Program students in compliance with 34 CFR 300.534(b) and WAC 392-171-512.

We also recommend that district officials design and implement a corrective action plan to initiate the correction process.